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SUBJECT: CIVIAR - SHIPMENT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1. DURING MARCH 20-21 VISIT TO ROME BY FAA ASSISTANT
ADMINISTRATOR PACE AND STAFF, HANDLING AND SHIPMENT OF
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS -- CHEMICALS, EXPLOSIVES, RADIOACTIVE
MATERIAL, ETC.-- WAS DISCUSSED WITH LOCAL PAA AND TWA REPS.
(SEABOARD REP, BASED IN MILAN, WAS UNABLE ATTEND.)

2. AS DISCUSSED BY FAA STAFF, EMBOFF AND PAA/TWA REPS,
TAKEOVER OF ROME AIRPORTS GROUND SERVICES, INCLUDING CARGO
HANDLING, BY ROME AIRPORTS AUTHORITY (SOCIETA AEROPORTI DI
ROME -- SAR) MAY CREATE PROBLEMS FOR PAA AND TWA. AT PRESENT,
PAA AND TWA PROVIDE OWN CARGO HANDLING AND ARE THEREFORE ABLE
TRAIN OWN PERSONNEL IN PROPER HANDLING PROCEDURES AS REQUIRED
BY FAA REGULATIONS. IF AND WHEN PAA AND TWA USE SAR
GROUND SERVICES -- TWA HAS NOT RPT NOT YET AGREED TO SO WHILE
PAA HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO APRIL 1, 1975 DATE FOR TURNOVER
OF ITS GROUND SERVICES PERSONNEL/EQUIPMENT TO SAR -- THERE IS
NO RPT NO ASSURANCE THAT US CARRIERS WILL BE ABLE PROVIDE
ADEQUATE TRAINING FOR CARGO HANDLING PERSONNEL. PAA AND
TWA REPS, HOWEVER, HAVE INDICATED SAR APPEARS INTERESTED IN

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TWA REPS, HOWEVER, HAVE INDICATED SAR APPEARS INTERESTED IN

MAINTAINING TRAINING PROGRAM USING PAA/TWA TRAINING AIDS
AND PERSONNEL.

3. TWA REP INFORMED EMBOFF MARCH 25 THAT, IN EVENT TWA FORCED TURN OVER ITS GROUND HANDLING SERVICES TO SAR, IT INTENDS RESERVE RIGHT TO HANDLE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ITSELF. PAA PREFERS HAVE ALL CARGO HANDLING PROVIDED BY SAR BUT TO MAINTAIN CONTROL THROUGH PAA SUPERVISOR PERSONNEL.

4. EMBASSY INTENDS DISCUSS PROBLEM OF COMPLIANCE WITH FAA REGULATIONS RE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL WHO HANDLE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WITH SAR OFFICIALS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY. EMBASSY BELIEVES SAR WILL PROBABLY COOPERATE BY (1) PERMITTING PAA/TWA TRAINED PERSONNEL TO CONTINUE TO HANDLE PAA/TWA CARGO (AT LEAST DURING PRELIMINARY PHASE OF TAKEOVER) AND (2) ESTABLISHING SAR TRAINING PROGRAM USING PAA/TWA TRAINING AIDS AND PERSONNEL. NEVERTHELESS, SITUATION WITH SAR PROVIDED CARGO HANDLING SERVICES WILL BE LESS SATISFACTORY THAN IF PAA/TWA CONTINUED PROVIDE THESE SERVICES THEMSELF.

5. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT FAA REQUIREMENTS RE HANDLING AND SHIPPING OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BE DISCUSSED DURING FORTHCOMING CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOI UNDER AGENDA ITEM ON MONOPOLISTIC SAR-PROVIDED GROUND SERVICES. VOLPE

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